

## THE GRAND PROMOTER

Stranger Puts Him Wise to Biggest Thing in Finance.

"BARRELS OF MONEY IN IT."

"Just as Easy to Make Ten Millions Apiece as It Is to Go Out and Gather a Quart of Huckleberries"—The Story's Sequel.

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Major Crofoot, grand promoter boarding house beat and originator of thirty-three different gigantic schemes to catch suckers, had reached his office and was doing a little figuring by himself.

Rent due.  
Board due.  
Debts due.  
Cash on hand, 14 cents.

There was a knock at the door, which he had taken the precaution



"HIST, MAN! I'VE COME TO LET YOU IN ON A GOOD THING."

to lock. It might be the landlord, his landlady, his laundress, his clothes cleaner, his cobbler, his hatter.

Or it might be some one with a few hundred dollars in his pocket that wanted to invest in a sure thing and make millions.

The major turned pale and breathed like a hog caught in a hole in the fence. The knock came again, and he decided to chance it and opened the door. A stranger stood there—a stranger that looked as guileless and innocent and as easy to work as a mutton chop.

"Is this Major Crofoot?" he asked, and his voice betrayed the fact that he was a man that would buy an orange grove at the north pole if properly talked to.

"Yes, sir. Come in," answered the promoter as the lump in his throat half choked him.

The stranger entered and helped himself to a chair, and after a look around the room he whisperingly asked:

"Are we all alone? Can we be overheard?"

He was assured that the office was hear-proof, and when the major had taken a seat beside him he assumed a cunning look and said:

"Say, I am here to put you on to the biggest thing in the history of finance. There's barrels of money in it. There's cart loads of the yellow boys. It's just as easy to make ten millions apiece as it is to go out and gather a quart of huckleberries—gigantic, tremendous. The world never saw anything like it—a whirlwind of financial acumen, a cyclone of profits, a hurricane of steam yachts, manor houses and Fifth Avenue palaces."

"My dear sir"—began the major, but the caller stopped him with a—

"Hist, man! I've come here to let you in on a good thing. You are to come in on the ground floor. You are to have your stock of 5 cents on the dollar, and in a month it will be selling at four hundred. Dividends won't be less than 50 per cent the first year. Major, consider yourself a millionaire. Carnegie and Rockefeller are poverty poor beside you."

"But I am Major Crofoot and a promoter myself. I have on hand at the present time"—

Never Anything Like It.

"Yes, I know, but never mind that. You have got schemes and all that, but I have got the scheme. Never was anything like it on the face of the earth. I shall be president, and I am here to offer you the vice presidency, salary \$100,000 the first year and nothing to do but sit in a rocking chair and tell people what a gilt edge thing we have. Do you want an advance of salary right here and now? If so, say the word and I'll draw you a check for \$20,000. Go out and select your bank. Go out and order diamonds. Get your duds out of a boarding house and into the Waldorf."

"What—what have you got?" asked the major after a long look at the man.

"An avalanche of gold!" was the whispered reply. "It can't be described in any other terms—tons and tons of new twenty dollar gold pieces sliding down the face of a mountain into our hind pockets. The motto 'In God We Trust' was left off them by the president's order, but they will pass current just the same. We will trust each other instead. Major Crofoot, you haven't got to struggle along with the millionaires any longer, dodging your landlady and resorting to free lunches."

"Sir?" replied the promoter as he drew himself up.

"Oh, no offense—no offense! I was



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The major stared at him. Nothing of the kind had ever taken place. He had never seen the man before. No one had ever offered to lend him even 25 cents.

"It was bread cast upon the waters," continued the caller as he leaned forward to pat the major on the knee, "and now it's coming back to you. The \$25 shall become \$25,000,000. That's a pretty good deal in bread isn't it?"

"But what is it?"

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"Yes."

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"But how?"

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"Yes."

"No Kicks, No Strikes."

"A rubber rope must do the same thing. Supposing you fasten a rubber rope to the front end of a plow and stretch it taut, it must pull the plow. Mustn't it? Then suppose you fasten another at the rear end. It must pull the plow backward when the other resistance ceases. Anything plainer than that? One rope pulls one way and the other the other way. When the plow has made its furrow across a field it is jerked back to begin another—all done by machinery, and the farmer can lie in a hammock. No yelling at the oxen, no cussing at the horses, no damning the mules. Will raise the moral standard of the country 50 per cent in one year. Plow goes to work at sunrise and quits at sunset. Can work overtime when necessary. No kicks, no strikes. Plows its five acres a day and consumes no food. The king of England writes:—

"It's all nonsense!" interrupted the major.

"The czar of Russia has ordered five of the plows and says that"—

"It will never work!"

"Lillian Russell has promised to give an exhibition of it on the stage when her new play is put on. I tell you, major, it is going to sweep the country like a prairie fire. I am just getting out the articles of incorporation, and if you could hand me over \$5 as an earnestness of your intention"—

"Sir, I refuse to talk with you further!" exclaimed the major as he rose up.

"The grandest, the biggest, the most gigantic—the avalanche of the century. Major"—

"Get out, sir!"

"You attach one rubber rope to the front end of the plow and the other to the rear, and"—

Then the door struck his toes and was locked, and the major went back to his chair and his 14 cents and sat down and drew a long breath and exclaimed:

"Phew, but I didn't believe there was another like me in the country!"

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